

**COMPLETE LISTING OF THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A stackable shipping pod adapted for use on a relatively large object having a bottom surface with at least one attachment member extending therefrom, and further having an outside perimeter, the shipping pod comprising:

a top wall for mating to the bottom surface of the large object, the top wall having at least one elongated opening through which the attachment member is extended for attaching the shipping pod to the large object, the attachment member being movable laterally within the opening to provide selective positioning of the shipping pod relative to the large object among a plurality of positions; and

a perimeter wall extending downwardly from the top wall, the perimeter wall having an exterior surface and an interior surface; and

an outer perimeter wall spaced outwardly away from the exterior surface of the perimeter wall, the outer perimeter wall having an uppermost portion below a plane at least substantially defined by an upper surface of the top wall, wherein the interior surface of the shipping pod nests proximate to the exterior surface of a second subjacent shipping pod when in a stacked orientation.

2. (Original) The shipping pod of claim 1 wherein the top wall includes at least one anti-slip member for contacting the bottom surface of the large object.

3. (Original) The shipping pod of claim 2 wherein the at least one anti-slip member includes a grommet disposed in the at least one opening of the top wall.

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4. (Original) The shipping pod of claim 2, wherein the at least one anti-slip member includes a plurality of protrusions disposed on an upper surface of the top wall.
5. (Original) The shipping pod of claim 1 wherein the perimeter wall is sized to extend beyond the outside perimeter of the large object.
6. (Original) The shipping pod of claim 1 wherein the top wall includes an undersurface having a plurality of ribs.
7. (Original) The shipping pod of claim 1 wherein the shipping pod has a rectangular shape.
8. (Currently Amended) ~~The shipping pod of claim 1 further comprising~~  
A stackable shipping pod adapted for use on a relatively large object having a bottom surface with at least one attachment member extending therefrom, and further having an outside perimeter, the shipping pod comprising:  
a top wall for mating to the bottom surface of the large object, the top wall having at least one elongated opening through which the attachment member is extended for attaching the shipping pod to the large object, the attachment member being movable laterally within the opening to provide selective positioning of the shipping pod relative to the large object among a plurality of positions;  
a perimeter wall extending downwardly from the top wall, the perimeter wall having an exterior surface and an interior surface; and

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an outer perimeter wall extending upwardly and outwardly from the perimeter wall, wherein the interior surface of the shipping pod nests proximate to the exterior surface of a second subjacent shipping pod when in a stacked orientation.

9-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) A shipping pod adapted for use on vending machines having a bottom surface with at least one attachment member extending therefrom and an outside perimeter, the shipping pod comprising:

a top wall for mating to the bottom surface of a vending machine, the top wall having an opening for receiving the at least one attachment member therein for attaching the shipping pod to the vending machine;

an inner perimeter wall extending downwardly and outwardly from the top wall;  
and

an outer perimeter wall spaced apart from the inner perimeter wall and attached thereto, the outer perimeter wall and inner perimeter wall defining a pocket therebetween.

13. (Original) The shipping pod of claim 12 further comprising a plurality of gussets for attaching the inner perimeter wall and the outer perimeter wall and extending in the pocket therebetween.

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14. (Original) The shipping pod of claim 12 wherein the top wall includes at least one anti-slip member adapted to contact the bottom surface of the vending machine and prevent rotation of the shipping pod.

15. (Original) The shipping pod of claim 14 wherein the at least one anti-slip member includes a grommet received in the opening of the top wall.

16. (Original) The shipping pod of claim 14 wherein the at least one anti-slip member includes a plurality of protrusions on an upper surface thereof.

17. (Previously Presented) The shipping pod of claim 12 further wherein the top wall includes an undersurface having a plurality of ribs for providing strength thereto.

18. (Original) The shipping pod of claim 12, further comprising a bottom wall for connecting the inner perimeter wall and outer perimeter wall.

19. (Previously Presented) A stackable shipping pod for use on a relatively large object having a bottom surface with at least one attachment member extending therefrom, the large object further having an outside perimeter, the shipping pod comprising:

an upper wall member having an upper surface for mating with the bottom surface of the large object, the upper wall member having an opening through which the attachment member is extended; and

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a sidewall member wall extending downwardly from the periphery of the upper wall member, the sidewall member and upper wall member defining a compartment therebetween, the sidewall member comprising an inner wall having an outer surface and an outer wall spaced apart from the outer surface of the inner wall,

wherein in a stacked orientation, the compartment of the shipping pod receives therein the upper wall member of a second shipping pod.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) The shipping pod of claim 19 wherein the upper wall member includes at least one anti-slip member adapted to contact the bottom surface of the large object and prevent rotation of the shipping pod.

22. (Previously Presented) A stackable shipping pod adapted for use on a relatively large object having a bottom surface with at least one attachment member extending therefrom, and further having an outside perimeter, the shipping pod comprising:

a top wall for mating to the bottom surface of the large object, the top wall having at least one opening through which the attachment member is extended for attaching the shipping pod to the large object;

a perimeter wall extending downwardly and outwardly from the top wall, the perimeter wall having an exterior surface and an interior surface; and

an outer perimeter wall extending upwardly and outwardly from the perimeter wall, wherein the interior surface of the shipping pod nests proximate to the exterior surface of a second subjacent shipping pod when in a stacked orientation.

23. (Previously Presented) The shipping pod of claim 22 wherein the outer perimeter wall extends beyond the outside perimeter of the relatively large object.

24. (Previously Presented) The shipping pod of claim 22 wherein the outer perimeter wall includes a handle portion for handling the shipping pod.

25. (Previously Presented) The shipping pod of claim 22 further comprising a bottom wall connecting the perimeter wall and the outer perimeter wall.

26. (Currently Amended) The shipping pod of claim 22, wherein the at least one opening of the top wall has an elongated shape within which the attachment member is movable laterally for providing selective positioning of the shipping pod relative to the large object.

27. (Currently Amended) The shipping pod of claim 12, wherein the opening of the top wall has an elongated shape in which the at least one attachment member is movable for providing selective lateral positioning of the shipping pod relative to the vending machine.

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28. (Previously Presented) The shipping pod of claim 19, wherein the opening of the upper wall member has an elongated shape in which the at least one attachment member is moveable for providing selective lateral positioning of the shipping pod relative to the large object.

29. (Previously Presented) The shipping pod of claim 1, wherein the perimeter wall also extends outwardly from the top wall.

30. (Previously Presented) A stackable shipping pod adapted for use on a relatively large object having a bottom surface with an attachment member extending therefrom, and further having an outside perimeter, the shipping pod comprising:

a top wall for mating to the bottom surface of the large object, the top wall having at least one opening through which the attachment member is extended for attaching the shipping pod to the large object;

a perimeter wall extending downwardly from the top wall, the perimeter wall having an exterior surface and an interior surface;

an outer perimeter wall spaced outwardly away from the exterior surface of the perimeter wall, the outer perimeter wall having an uppermost portion below a plane at least substantially defined by an upper surface of the top wall; and

wherein an interior surface of the shipping pod nests proximate to an exterior surface of a second subjacent shipping pod when in a stacked orientation.

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31. (Previously Presented) The stackable shipping pod according to claim 30 further including a wall connecting the perimeter wall to the outer perimeter wall.
32. (Previously Presented) The shipping pod of claim 30 wherein the top wall, perimeter wall and outer perimeter wall are an integrally molded, plastic, unitary construction.
33. (Previously Presented) The shipping pod of claim 30 further including a plurality of gussets connecting the exterior surface of the perimeter wall to an interior surface of the outer perimeter wall.
34. (Previously Presented) The shipping pod of claim 30 further including a plurality of ribs extending radially from the perimeter wall.
35. (Previously Presented) The shipping pod of claim 34 wherein the plurality of ribs extend radially outwardly from the exterior surface of the perimeter wall.
36. (Cancelled)
37. (Previously Presented) The shipping pod of claim 1 wherein the perimeter wall is substantially rigid when under load and substantially rigid when not under load.



38. (Previously Presented) The shipping pod of claim 1 wherein the opening is completely surrounded by the top wall.

39. (Previously Presented) The shipping pod of claim 1 further including a bottom wall extending outwardly from a lower periphery of the perimeter wall.

40. (Previously Presented) The shipping pod of claim 39 wherein the bottom wall is at least substantially parallel to the top wall.

41. (Previously Presented) The shipping pod of claim 39 further including a plurality of ribs extending outwardly from the exterior surface of the perimeter wall and connecting to the bottom wall.

42-43. (Cancelled)

44. (Currently Amended) A shipping pod adapted for use on a relatively large object having a bottom surface with an attachment member extending therefrom and further having an outside perimeter, the shipping pod comprising:

a top wall for mating to the bottom surface of the large object, the top wall having at least one opening through which the attachment member is extended for attaching the shipping pod to the large object, the attachment member being insertable in any of a plurality of positions through the at least one opening to provide selective positioning of the shipping pod relative to the large object;

a perimeter wall extending downwardly from the top wall, the perimeter wall having an exterior surface and an interior surface; and

an outer perimeter wall spaced outwardly away from the exterior surface of the perimeter wall.

45. (Previously Presented) The shipping pod of claim 44 further including a plurality of ribs extending outwardly from the exterior surface of the perimeter wall to an interior surface of the outer perimeter wall.

46. (Previously Presented) The shipping pod of claim 44 wherein the outer perimeter wall has an uppermost portion below a plane at least substantially defined by an upper surface of the top wall.

47. (Previously Presented) A stackable shipping pod adapted for use on a relatively large object having a bottom surface with an attachment member extending therefrom, and further having an outside perimeter, the shipping pod comprising:

a top wall for mating to the bottom surface of the large object, the top wall having at least one opening through which the attachment member is extended for attaching the shipping pod to the large object;

a perimeter wall extending downwardly from the top wall, the perimeter wall having an exterior surface and an interior surface;

an outer perimeter wall spaced outwardly away from the exterior surface of the perimeter wall;

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a plurality of ribs connecting the exterior surface of the perimeter wall to an interior surface of the outer perimeter wall; and

wherein an interior surface of the shipping pod nests proximate to an exterior surface of a second subjacent shipping pod when in a stacked orientation.

48. (Previously Presented) The shipping pod of claim 44 wherein an interior surface of the shipping pod nests proximate to an exterior surface of a second subjacent shipping pod when in a stacked orientation

49. (Currently Amended) A shipping pod adapted for use on a relatively large object having a bottom surface with at least one attachment member extending therefrom, and further having an outside perimeter, the shipping pod comprising:

a top wall for mating to the bottom surface of the large object, the top wall having at least one opening through which the attachment member is extended for attaching the shipping pod to the large object, the attachment member being insertable in any of a plurality of positions through the at least one opening to provide selective positioning of the shipping pod relative to the large object;

a perimeter wall extending downwardly from the top wall, the perimeter wall having an exterior surface and an interior surface; and

an outer perimeter wall spaced outwardly away from the exterior surface of the perimeter wall, the outer perimeter wall having an uppermost portion below a plane at least substantially defined by an uppermost portion of the perimeter wall.

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50. (Previously Presented) The shipping pod of claim 49 further including a transition wall connecting the perimeter wall to the outer perimeter wall.

51. (Previously Presented) The shipping pod of claim 50 wherein the transition wall is generally parallel to the top wall.

52. (Previously Presented) The shipping pod of claim 49 further including a plurality of ribs connecting the exterior surface of the perimeter wall to an interior surface of the outer perimeter wall.

53. (Currently Amended) A shipping pod adapted for use on a relatively large object having a bottom surface with at least one attachment member extending therefrom, and further having an outside perimeter, the shipping pod comprising:

a top wall for contacting the bottom surface of the large object, the top wall having at least one opening through which the attachment member can be extended for attaching the shipping pod to the large object;

a perimeter wall extending downwardly from the top wall, the perimeter wall having an exterior surface and an interior surface; and

an outer perimeter wall extending outwardly from the exterior surface of the perimeter wall and then substantially vertically, the outer perimeter wall spaced away from the exterior surface of the perimeter wall. [[.]]

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54. (Previously Presented) The shipping pod of claim 53 wherein the outer perimeter wall includes at least one cutout portion.

55. (Previously Presented) The shipping pod of claim 54 wherein the at least one cutout portion reduces a height of the outer perimeter wall at the cutout portion to facilitate handling of the shipping pod.

56. (Previously Presented) The shipping pod of claim 55 further including a transition wall connecting the perimeter wall to the outer perimeter wall.

57. (Previously Presented) The shipping pod of claim 56 wherein the cutout portion is formed in an upper edge of the outer perimeter wall to reduce the height of the upper edge of the outer perimeter wall at the at least one cutout portion.